

1 **Amendments to the Claims - All Claims are set forth in accordance**
2 **with the new Response Format.**

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4 1. (withdrawn through election) An golf putter apparatus comprising:

5 a. a neck putter (200) having an elongated upper putter shaft (205) and an
6 elongated lower putter shaft (207);

7 b. the upper putter shaft (205) has an upper putter shaft first end (210), an upper
8 putter shaft second end (211) and an upper putter shaft length (213) from the upper putter
9 shaft first end (210) to the upper putter shaft second end (211); the lower putter shaft
10 (207) has a lower putter shaft first end (212) and a lower putter shaft second end (220);

11 c. a putter head (240) is affixed by golf putter and golf head affixing means at the
12 lower putter shaft second end (220);

13 d. the upper putter shaft first end (210) is distal from the upper putter shaft second
14 end (211); the lower putter shaft first end (212) is distal from the lower putter shaft
15 second end (220);

16 e. a neck putter grip (230) means is fixedly received, by immovable fixing means,
17 by the upper putter shaft (205) at the upper putter shaft second end (211) and by the lower
18 putter shaft (207) at the lower putter shaft first end (212);

19 f. the upper putter shaft length (213) is such as to place the upper putter shaft first
20 end (210) in contact with a golfer's neck during the execution of a putting stroke.

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22 2. (withdrawn through election) The golf putter apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

23 a. the neck putter grip (230) means is affixed by golf grip affixing means proximal
24 the upper putter shaft second end (211) and proximal the lower putter shaft first end
25 (212).

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1 3. (withdrawn through election) The golf putter apparatus of claim 2 further comprising:
2 a. the upper putter shaft (205) and lower putter shaft (207) are comprised of
3 tubular means;
4 b. a neck putter second grip (235) means is received by the upper putter shaft
5 (205) intermediate the upper putter shaft first end (210) and the putter grip (230).

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8 4. (withdrawn through election) A golf putter of claim 1 further comprising:
9 a. the immovable fixing means, fixedly affixing the upper putter shaft (205) at the
10 upper putter shaft second end (211) at the neck putter grip (230) means is a grip clip
11 means (40) receiving the neck putter grip (230).

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13 5. (Previously amended) A putter training apparatus of claim 12 further comprising:
14 a. the grip clip means (40) hinge means (42) for fixedly setting the angular
15 relationship (110) between the putter lower shaft (72) and the upper shaft (10).

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17 6. (withdrawn through election) A golf putter of claim 5 further comprising:
18 a. the grip clip means (40) has a grip clip first end (50) having a grip clip first end
19 dimension D1 (52), a grip clip second end (60) having a grip clip second end dimension
20 D2 (62) and a grip clip slot (65) having a grip clip slot dimension D5 (66) where said
21 dimension D5 (66) is greater than a putter shaft dimension D3 (54) of the lower putter
22 shaft (207) allowing the grip clip slot (65) to receive the lower putter shaft (207)
23 intermediate the putter head (240) and the putter grip (230);

24 b. the golf putter grip (230) has a golf putter grip dimension D4 (64) which
25 decreases from the golf putter grip (230) most distal from the golf putter head (240)

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1 toward the golf putter head (240); the grip clip (40) at the grip clip second end (60) or at
2 the grip clip slot (65) receives the golf putter grip (230) for a friction, clamp or other
3 immovably affixing of the position of the upper putter shaft (205) relative to the lower
4 putter shaft (207).

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6 7. (Currently amended) A method of training a golfer in putting or of putting by means
7 of the golf putter training apparatus of claim 13 comprising the steps of:

8 a. receiving the ~~upper shaft 10~~ apparatus (5) at the grip clip (40) via the grip clip
9 slot (42) by the putter lower shaft (72) intermediate the putter head (100) and the golf
10 putter grip (75) and moving the ~~upper shaft (10)~~ apparatus (5) to grip affixing means
11 contact of the grip clip (40) with the golf putter grip (75);

12 b. affixing the angular relationship (110) between the putter lower shaft (72)
13 and the ~~upper shaft (10)~~ apparatus (5) by adjusting the hinge means (42);

14 c. positioning the upper shaft first end (20) in contact with the golfer's neck (21);

15 d. training the golfer to execute the proper putting stroke and or making a putting
16 stroke by the golfer sensing and retaining the upper shaft first end (20) in contact with
17 the golfer's neck (21) throughout the putting stroke.

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19 Claim 8. (Previously amended 3/18/05) A putter training apparatus comprising:

20 a. an apparatus (5) upper shaft (10) having an apparatus upper shaft first end (20),
21 a counter weight (22) proximal the upper shaft first end (20); said upper shaft (10)
22 having adequate length to contact the side of the player's neck;

23 b. an apparatus upper shaft second end (30); grip clip means (40) affixed with
24 hinge means (42) at the apparatus upper shaft second end (30).

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1 Claim 9. (Previously added) A putter training apparatus of claim 8 further comprising:
2 a. the grip clip means (40) receives a golf putter (70) having a golf putter lower
3 shaft (72); the golf putter lower shaft (72) having a golf putter lower shaft first end (80)
4 and a golf putter lower shaft second end (90); the lower shaft (72) having a shaft
5 dimension D3 (54);

6 b. a golf putter head (100) affixed by golf club head affixing means at the golf
7 putter lower shaft second end (90); a golf putter grip (75) is received at the golf putter
8 lower shaft first end (80); the golf putter grip (75) having a dimension D4 (64) greater
9 than shaft dimension D3 (54).

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11 Claim 10. (Previously added) A putter training apparatus of claim 9 further comprising:
12 a. the apparatus upper shaft (10), golf putter lower shaft and golf putter grip (75)
13 are generally tubular having a variety of cross sections;
14 b. the grip clip means (40) generally comprises a tubular member means (42)
15 having a grip clip first end (50) and a grip clip second end (60);
16 c. the tubular member means (42) having a hinge means (42) affixed by hinge
17 affixing means intermediate the grip clip first end (50) and the grip clip second end (60)
18 at a tubular member means wall (43) at an outer surface (44).

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20 Claim 11. (Currently amended) A putter training apparatus of claim 10 further
21 comprising:

22 a. the hinge means (42) affixed by hinge affixing means at the apparatus second
23 end (30) providing hinge interaction between the apparatus shaft (10) and the grip clip
24 means (40);
25 b. hinge affixing means may be by formation of hinge leaves via injection

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1 molding or metal formation from rigid materials including plastics[,] and metals and
2 other equivalent materials; hinge means regarding the rotation of one hinge leaf relative
3 to another hinge leaf may be by a bolt received via apertures in the hinge leaf aligned with
4 apertures in the apparatus upper shaft (10) proximal the apparatus second end (30) and
5 secured by a nut or by a leaf structure formed in a generally tubular form which is
6 received by the apparatus second end (30) and which has hinge interconnection means
7 relative to a second leaf structure;

8 c. the upper shaft (10) and putter lower shaft (72) comprise shaft means and are
9 generally formed from a rigid material, tubular in structure formed from plastics,
10 composite materials[,] and metals and other equivalent materials.

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12 Claim 12. (Previously added) A putter training apparatus of claim 11 further comprising:

13 a. a grip clip slot (65) in the wall (43) from the grip clip first end (20) to the grip
14 clip second end (30) wherein the slot (65) has a grip clip slot dimension D5 (66) which is
15 greater than a putter shaft dimension D3 (54) and which is sized to receive a golf putter
16 shaft (72) intermediate the golf putter head (100) and the golf putter grip (75);

17 b. the grip clip slot dimension D5 (66) has a dimension less than the dimension of
18 the golf putter grip dimension D4 (64); the grip clip first end dimension D1 (52) is less
19 than the grip clip second end dimension D2 (62); the grip clip first end dimension D1 (52)
20 and the grip clip second end dimension D2 (62) is sized to receive the golf putter grip
21 (75) and to be affixed by grip affixing means at the golf putter grip (75).

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23 Claim 13. (Currently amended) A putter training apparatus of claim 12 further
24 comprising:

25 a. the grip affixing means to affix the grip clip means (40) includes friction fitting

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1 by the grip clip first end dimension D1 (52) being less than the grip clip second end
2 dimension D2 (62) and the golf putter grip dimension D4 (64), proximal the apparatus
3 first end (20) _____ being greater than the grip clip second end dimension D2 (62);

4 b. the grip affixing means to affix the grip clip means (40) also includes other
5 forms of gripping including a spring secured clam shell structure allowing the grip clip
6 means (40) to be opened to allow the grip clip slot (65) to receive a golf putter grip (75)
7 and other similar friction affixing and or clamp affixing structures.

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9 Claim 14. (Previously added) A putter training apparatus of claim 13 further comprising:

10 a. the apparatus (5) at the grip clip slot (65) will receive either the apparatus shaft
11 (10) to slide up the apparatus shaft (10) toward the apparatus first end (20) and receive
12 and be affixed at the golf putter grip (75) or the grip clip slot (65) will receive the golf
13 putter grip (75) and be affixed by affixing means for use in putting.

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